



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A Continuing Series

HURRICANE SEASON BEGAN JUNE 1st TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED



The importance of having a hurricane preparedness plan in place cannot be stressed enough. Families and businesses should take steps now to be ready. These include developing a communications plan, putting together a kit, and staying informed of the latest forecasts and local emergency plans.

You can't control when a hurricane or other emergency may happen, but you can make sure you're ready.

This is the first in a series of Newsday Tuesday informational articles to come on hurricane preparedness. The City urges residents to sign up for the confidential **CodeRED** Emergency Notification System. *This is for emergency notifications only.*

This week we highlight the need for early registrations:

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration for the elderly, the vulnerable and pet shelters is required in advance. Those with special medical needs should contact the Broward County Elderly and Veterans Services Division now, to pre-register for a Special Medical Needs Shelter.

Special Needs Shelter Registration	954-357-6385 or TTY 954-357-5608 www.broward.org/AtRisk/Pages/Specialmedical.aspx
Vulnerable Population Registry (Elderly, Frail or Disabled)	954-831-4000 www.broward.org/registry
Pet-Friendly Hurricane Shelter Registration	954-989-3725 www.broward.org/Hurricane/Pages/EvacuationShelterInformation.aspx
County Hurricane eMail Updates	http://bcegov3.broward.org/notify/
Weston CodeRED Emergency Notices	www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx
Weston E-Notification System	www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx
Weston Twitter Account	https://twitter.com/cityofweston



IT'S JUNE...THERE MUST BE A BUDGET AWARD...

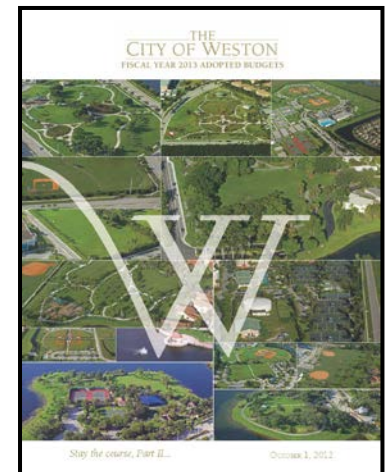
The City of Weston is pleased to once again announce notification of receipt of the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2012, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada (GFOA).

This is the eleventh consecutive year that the City has received award recognition. Assistant City Manager/CFO David Keller and Assistant City Manager/COO Darrel Thomas prepared the annual budget pursuant to the GFOA guidelines and requirements and made the submittal on behalf of the City of Weston.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. In order to achieve the award, the submitting entity must publish a budget document that meets the following program criteria, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories:

- It must serve as a Policy Document
- It must serve as a Financial Plan
- It must serve as an Operations Guide
- It must serve as a Communications Device

Publication of an award winning document reflects the commitment of the government body and staff to meet the highest principals of governmental budgeting. Assistant City Manager/CFO, David Keller and Assistant City Manager/COO, Darrel Thomas will formally accept the award on behalf of their entire staff at an upcoming commission meeting.



GFOA is a non-profit profession association serving over 17,800 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. It is expected that 1,340 entities will receive the award.

City Manager John Flint said of the designation, "This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by our budget and finance staff. Our congratulations to our Assistant City Manager/CFO David Keller and our Assistant City Manager/COO Darrel Thomas for their leadership in the City's budgeting process and their commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting."

Link to the 2013 Adopted Budget:

http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/budget/FY2013_Adopted_Budget.pdf



WESTON'S BSO JOINED THE MEADOWS COMMUNITY DAY!

On Saturday, May 18th, Broward Sheriff's Office Police Services and Fire Rescue personnel joined the residents in the Meadows for their annual Community Day.

The event featured the BSO Crime Prevention Unit and the BSO Mounted Unit. Deputy Dave Smith and his police horse, Dakota, visited with the residents and fascinated the children.

Deputy Alan Barnes covered various questions from the families such as Identity Theft & Burglary prevention tips. The BSO Weston Fire Rescue was on hand giving kids a tour of the fire trucks along with some of the specialized tools and equipment.

A great day was had by all. If you are interested in an event such as this, please contact your HOA.





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U.S. CENSUS SURVEY LETTER MAY COME IN YOUR MAIL AMERICAN HOUSING SURVEY



The U.S. Census Bureau continues their work throughout the decade well after the U.S. Census that took place in 2010 counting every resident.

This year they are conducting the American Housing Survey in every county in the State of Florida, including a separate metro sample for 6 areas, one of which is Fort Lauderdale-Broward. This survey by census representatives is taking place now through August 2013.

Most households included in the survey will receive a notification packet in the mail, which includes a letter and worksheet for you to pre-do prior to being contacted for an interview with the census field representative. Information is then inputted directly into their laptop computer. Residents will be able to verify that representatives actually work for the Census Bureau by asking for their employee code and contacting the census office on the notice.

Form AHS-30(W) 06/13
OMB No. 4220-0171
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economic and Statistics Administration
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

AMERICAN HOUSING SURVEY WORKSHEET

This worksheet is not a questionnaire but an aid to help you when our field representative contacts you. **Do not mail this back to the U.S. Census Bureau.**

Completing the survey will be easier if you will look up these costs in the checkbook or other records before the interview. Record the amounts for the past year in the spaces provided, adjusting any costs that do not apply to you.

Please keep this worksheet and copies of your utility bills, regular mortgage statement, and year-end mortgage statement (IRS Form 1098), so you can refer to them when our field representative contacts you.

Thank you for your time and effort in completing this worksheet!

UTILITY	January	April	August	December
Electricity	\$	\$	\$	\$

Are you billed separately for electricity? Yes No
Are your costs for electricity the same every month? Yes No

What is the American Housing Survey?

It is an on-going survey to provide communities, state governments and federal programs with current data to plan for investments and services.

They ask about: Age, sex, race, family & relationships, income & benefits, health insurance, education, veteran status, disabilities, where you work and how you get there and where you live and what you pay for some essentials. All information is strictly confidential and protected by law.

How are people selected to participate?

Addresses are selected, not people personally.

Why again after only two years?

The census measures the changes, or lack of changes, that have taken place in the number of houses available, the physical condition of housing and the characteristics of the occupants.

Do I have to participate?

Yes. Just as you must respond to jury duty, pay taxes or get a driver's license to drive, you have an obligation to respond to the decennial census surveys. They are under the authority of Title 13, United States Code and the response is required by law.

For additional information please visit: www.census.gov/hhes/www/ahs.html



TEXTING WHILE DRIVING IS BANNED! GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT SIGNED THE BILL

In 2012, nearly 5,000 crashes involved a driver who was texting or distracted by an "electronic communication device."

It's time to put a stop to it!

On May 28th, Governor Rick Scott signed Bill SB 52 into law in hopes of reducing distracted drivers from putting themselves or others into danger by losing focus of the road.



- The bill bans manual texting only while driving, but allows it for drivers stopped in traffic or at traffic lights.
- Secondary Offense- meaning a driver would have to be pulled over for some other violation, like careless driving, to get a texting ticket.

The 5 seconds it takes to look down and read a text message is almost the distance travelled of approximately a football field. Don't get caught on your phone! Stay alert with both hands on the wheel!





SOCIAL COMMUNICATION STATION Classes at Weston Community Center

For students with Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, ADD/ADHD or other Social Learning Challenges

Sign up today for the City of Weston's Social Communication Class. They are pragmatics courses for students with a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, ADD/ADHD, Social Anxiety, or any other social learning challenges. In the classes, the instructors integrate group activities along with the Social Thinking® and Superflex Curriculums.

Candidates for the class should have average to above average cognitive abilities, as our classes focus on teaching students skills such as:

- perspective taking
- self-awareness and self-regulation
- problem-solving
- understanding emotions
- reading body language and non-verbal clues
- conversation skills

For registration information, email socialcommunicationandlearning@yahoo.com, or visit www.socialcommunicationstation.com and complete the online form.

Please include your **child's name**, **age**, and **diagnosis**. You will be contacted for additional information in order to determine appropriate placement in the Social Communication Classes.

Price: \$300/8-week session
When: Tuesday; June 11th – July 30th
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm 7-10 year olds
5:30pm-6:30pm 11-15 year olds



Classes are held at the Weston Community Center located inside the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston). For a complete listing of all classes and details, call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 or visit our website at www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation.



IT'S SUMMER CAMP TIME AT THE WESTON TENNIS CENTER

Children, ages 5 to 15, can discover or enhance their tennis skills at the Weston Tennis Center. The Cliff Drysdale Tennis professionals offer 2 fantastic camp options:

Rookie & Academy 2013 Summer Camp

4 Sessions: June 10th through August 2nd
(half-day, daily and weekly options)

Rookie & Academy Program Includes:

- Tennis drills, tactics and strategy
- Latest tour techniques
- Match play and coaching
- Fitness and Water activities



2013 Tennis Summer Camp

10 Weekly Sessions: June 11th through August 17th
(half-day, daily and weekly options)

Tennis Camp Program Includes:

- Tennis drills
- Latest tour techniques
- Team competitions
- World-Class tennis instruction
- Water sports and activities
- Prizes and awards



The Weston Tennis Center is located at 16451 Racquet Club Road in Weston.

For more information, contact Steven Browne at (954) 389-8666 or email s.browne@cliffdrysdale.com or visit <http://cliffdrysdale.com/locations/weston-tennis-center>.



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DOG BITE PREVENTION TIPS FROM BROWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CARE

Each year, more than 4.5 million people report being bitten by a dog in the United States. In 2012, more than 300 dog bites were reported in Broward County. Broward County Animal Care says that the key is to be able to prevent the bite from happening in the first place through proper training and supervision.

What Parents Should Know: Children under the age of 12 are bitten more often than any other group. Parents they should teach their children how to protect themselves when around dogs:

- [Don't Kiss and Hug a Dog](#) – Hugging a dog or other face-to-face contact are common causes of bites to the face. Instead, teach children to scratch the dog on the chest or on the side of the neck.
- ["Be a Tree" if a Strange Dog Approaches](#) – Never run away from a dog. Instead, children should be taught to stand still, like a tree.
- [Let Sleeping Dogs Lie](#) – Never disturb a dog that's sleeping, eating or protecting something and never tease a dog.



What Dog Owners Can Do

- [Spay or Neuter Your Dog](#) – Your dog will be calmer, healthier and less likely to be aggressive in some situations. Broward County Animal Care and Adoption's SPOT Program offers spaying/neutering services for only \$10. For an application, click here to visit the [SPOT Program](#).
- [Train Your Pet](#) - Dog training and the overall treatment of the dog is critical to raising a pet that is less aggressive and fearful. Many affordable dog training classes are held at Broward County Parks. For a list of locations and times click here for [Dog-Training Classes](#).
- [Supervise Your Dog](#) – Supervise your dog at all times around people, particularly children and strangers. If visiting children are bothering your dog, put the dog away or send the children home. In addition, do not leave your pet outside so that they come in contact with mail, delivery or utility workers.

By following these important tips, Broward County Animal Care and Adoption hopes to decrease the number of dog bite occurrences throughout the County. Broward County Animal Care and Adoption is dedicated to providing shelter for lost and homeless animals. Each year, the agency provides access to thousands of shelter pets hoping for a new home. For more information, visit broward.org/animal.



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INTERESTING BUT RARE FACTS FLORIDA ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST



As Florida residents, we are surrounded by the presence of nature and water whether fresh or salt that house the existence of many species. What many of us don't know is that, Florida **has 111 threatened and endangered plant and animal species.**

The Federal government enacted the "Endangered Species Act" in 1973 by Congress to ensure the species' populations are protected to promote healthy and vital future existence so they can be delisted from the "Endangered Species Act." Species that are protected are categorized into 3 categories listed below:

- **Endangered Species-** species that are likely to become extinct throughout all or a large portion of their range.
- **Threatened Species-** species that are likely to become endangered in the near future.
- **Critical Habitat-** vital to the survival of endangered or threatened species.

Below are several of Florida's Endangered Species:

- Manatee
- American Alligator
- Whooping Crane
- Florida Panther
- Loggerhead/Leatherback Sea Turtle
- Red-cockaded Woodpecker
- Florida grasshopper Sparrow
- Bald Eagle
- Key Deer
- Swallowtail Butterfly



Please keep mindful that we share the earth with various species whether endangered or not and how they are intentionally or unintentionally treated effect whether their existence will be present in the future.

For a complete list of worldwide or Florida Endangered Species, please visit www.Endangeredspecie.com.



TEENS AND TWEENS: GO BENEATH THE SURFACE DURING BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Beyond the summer heat, deep down where thoughts run cool and imaginations run wild – discover what lies beneath the surface during Broward County Library's 2013 Summer Reading Program. The Summer Reading Program kicks off June 8th at 33 Broward County Library locations. Teens and tweens are invited to come discover hidden wonders right in your library!

The 2013 Summer Reading Program is a fun-filled way to have a good time, make new friends, try new things and keep up with required summer reading – all while earning rewards and winning prizes. You can pick up a free copy of the 2013 Summer Reading Program guide, which lists all the summer's events, at any Broward County Library, [download the booklet for free](#) or check the [live eCalendar](#) for daily updates.

The program, which is sponsored by the [Broward Public Library Foundation](#) and the Miami Dolphins, motivates children to read for the fun of it by offering rewards and prizes. The more you read the more chances you'll have to win fabulous prizes including: Dolphins Home Game Club Level Experience for a Family

- VIP Day at the Miami Dolphins Training Camp
- Miami Seaquarium, Young At Art, Miami Children's Museum, Jungle Island Tickets
- Jersey from the Fort Lauderdale Strikers
- iPad 3
- Kindle Fire
- \$250 Publix Gift Certificate



What's Happening & Where!

The 2013 Summer Reading Program has hundreds of fun events, contests, shows, performances and activities, it would be impossible to list them all! Visit ems.browardlibrary.org/MasterCalendar/MasterCalendar.aspx for more information on all of the event you won't want to miss!

HAPPY READING!



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UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS



WESTON ROAD REPAVING: June 4th – June 21st

Segment Three: Royal Palm Blvd. to Indian Trace

Start date of Tuesday, June 4th through approximately June 21st

- Royal Palm Blvd. to Indian Trace
- 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Monday through Friday

There will be intermittent lane closures and traffic delays.

All dates are tentative and subject to change due to weather.

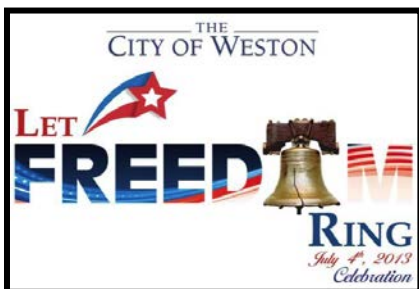


CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 17th 7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



2013 CITY OF WESTON'S 4th OF JULY HOMETOWN PARADE APPLICATION AVAILABLE

Thursday, July 4th 10:30AM – Parade

Interested Parade Participants: All groups, organizations, businesses and bands are welcome! Join us in Weston Town Center for a 4th of July tradition, and walk or ride with our Grand Marshals in Weston's biggest and most exciting event

of the year. **Registration is FREE, and the deadline to enter is Friday, June 21st.** Parade spaces fill up quickly, so register today! Download a parade application and get this party started at or call 954-389-4321 for more information. Application link: www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2013_July4th_Parade_Application.pdf.



2013 CITY OF WESTON'S 4th OF JULY 5K WALK/RUN

Thursday, July 4th 7:00AM

New location this year – Weston Regional Park!

Join your friends and family for a holiday celebration 5K run or walk. The race will take place at the

Weston Regional Park with registration beginning at 5:30am and race start time at 7:00am. To pre-register, visit www.splitsecondtiming.com or www.active.com/running/weston-fl/weston-hometown-july-4th-celebration-2013

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CPR SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

BSO Weston Fire Rescue – This program offers FREE CPR classes to residents, organizations and businesses and their employees. Convenient weeknight and weekend CPR classes are offered as well as training right at your own location at a time convenient for you (min. 8 persons). **Call 954-389-2015** today.



SMOKE ALARM AND BATTERY REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

BSO Weston Fire Rescue

This program is designed to reach resident seniors or the disabled who are unable to safely install smoke alarms and/or replace the batteries in existing alarms. Please call **954-389-2015** to schedule this FREE service for our Weston residents.



WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX

Select from two options (*we recommend BOTH*):

- **Newsday Tuesday:** A collection of city news articles, information and events.
- **General Notifications:** Updates on construction projects; media releases; sports registrations and events. Subscribe at www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx.



REGISTER FOR CodeRED TODAY

Hurricane Season began June 1st – be prepared!

All residents and businesses should register with the City's CodeRED Emergency Notification System. The

City will only send out a message on CodeRED in an emergency situation or to update residents after an emergency. You can receive messages via telephone and/or text messaging.

To register, please visit <http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx>.